

## **Mary I Students Union, Limerick**

**Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach**

### **Minutes:**

Meeting: Union Council  
Date: Semester 2: Week 5– Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Time: 6:30pm  
Venue: T117  
Attendance:

### **First Years:**

Amée Bermingham, Eimear Flaherty, Siofra Kelleher, Patricia Glynn, , Ailise Hogan, Kevin Farrell, Kate Doyle  
Naomi Christie, Claire Douglas, Megan Davis, Simmone O' Connell, Meg Hennessy, Fiona Moore, Stacy  
Cronin, Ronan Bennett, Bronagh Murphy, Aisling O' Donovan, Ailise Hogan, Eimear Glavin,

### **Second Years:**

Padraig Wilson McCarthy, Ciara Concannon, Azariah Kelly, John Carroll, , Keith Doherty, , Niamh Kealy,  
Stephen Levingstone, Dara Masterson, Claire O' Brien, , Christopher O' Flynn, Daragh Sweeney, Roisin  
Scallan, Michelle Hayes,, Ruth Murphy, Kate Butler, Miryam Kevany, Brigitte Kenny, Ciara Fanning, Kate O'  
Driscoll,

### **Third Years:**

Siobhan Griffin, Eoin Harte

### **Fourth Years:**

Annette Lordon, Niamh Shek, Melissa Barrett, Jessica Copps. Muireann Ni Luasa, Andrew O' Grady,

**International/Post Grad/Grad Dip/Contemporary Living:** Catherine White, Rebecca Egan

**Exec:** Johanna O' Brien, Elaine O' Dwyer, Laura Griffin, Marian Hanley, Gráinne Dwyer, Jessica Moran, Mark  
Dooley.

**Apologies:** Shane Hickey O Mara, Vivienne Culbert, Lisa Riordan, Amy Coughlan, Jennifer Olden, Liam  
Murray, Ciara Rahilly, Brid O' Donnell, Cillian McHugh, Robin Kirwan

**Minutes:** Azariah Kelly (UC Secretary), Elaine O' Dwyer (SU Vice President/Academic Officer)

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<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Unapproved minutes from Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Action</b>
	Approved	
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Matters Arising From the Minutes of Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Unapproved minutes from the last meeting</b>	
	NOTED: Minutes were approved.	
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Matters Arising From the Minutes</b>	
	NOTED: (Item 8) The MIC Ball will take place on March 28 <sup>th</sup> (Item 9.3) No updates on side gate as Brian Kirby is not on campus at the moment. (Item 9.5) Maintenance are currently working on providing an area for smokers at main reception. (Item 9.6) The 2 <sup>nd</sup> year exams will take place in Weeks 14/15. Psychology exam will more than likely take place in week 12.	
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>MIC Awards Evening</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	NOTED: Awards evening will take place on March 18 <sup>th</sup> in the Lime Tree theatre.	
<b>5.1.1</b>	NOTED: Certs will be given to class reps and awards of excellence will be distributed.	
<b>5.1.2</b>	NOTED: There will be finger food and wine after the event.	
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Darkness into Light</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	NOTED: Elaine informed UC that two students have taken their own lives in the past academic year.	
<b>6.1.1</b>	NOTED: It was suggested that a team of Mary I students undertake the Darkness into Light walk on May 10 <sup>th</sup> . Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.	
<b>6.1.2</b>	NOTED: Pieta House will be on campus in the coming weeks to sign people up if interested.	
<b>Item 7</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	NOTED: <u>Query about incorporating Dip. into B.Ed degree:</u> There have been talks around this for years. It is ultimately up to the teaching council to accredit programmes that are proposed by MIC. MIC has to follow specific criteria to get accredited.	
<b>7.2</b>	NOTED: <u>Query about TEFL courses:</u> The course is usually offered after Final TP. Margaret Healy oversees the TEFL courses in the college. More clarification will be sought about this.	<b>SU Pres</b>
<b>7.3</b>	NOTED: <u>Cameras outside the Mount:</u> Car was broken into outside the mount building. There are no cameras –this is an issue.	<b>SU Pres</b>
<b>7.3.1</b>	NOTED: Johanna outlined that it is not really the responsibility of the college if the car is not on campus. This will be flagged with management however.	
<b>7.4</b>	NOTED: <u>Gaeltacht:</u> Students unhappy that course is running again. It is too expensive and not considered good value for money.	
<b>7.4.1</b>	NOTED: Exec outlined that the Teaching Council give specific criteria/regulations to colleges with regards to college courses.	
<b>7.4.2</b>	NOTED: If a criterion is not followed/implemented, the course will not be accredited. Accreditation is important in order for students to get recognised for the course they have undertaken.	

- 7.4.3** NOTED: Students highlighted that they sent postcards, petitions, letters etc. last year but nothing changed.
- 7.4.4** NOTED: It was highlighted to the students that it is so important to come together in this situation –the more voices, the better.
- 7.4.5** NOTED: There are also issues around the fact that not all courses are the same in terms of quality. Different content material covered in the different colleges –no consistency.
- 7.4.6** NOTED: It was stated that the college ARE getting more involved with regards to the material covered in the Gaeltacht and its’ implementation.
- 7.5** NOTED: Module time allocation cut: 2<sup>nd</sup> year B.Eds told on Monday that their Music, Drama and Art module has to be cut (decrease in hours) due to lack of funding. Elaine will find out more. **SU Vice-Pres**
- 7.5.1**
- 7.6** NOTED: ‘That Literacy Thing’-takes place in the Halla @ 7pm. James informed students that Writers’ Soc are holding *Hunger Games* in order to raise money for Charity. Please support.
- 7.7** NOTED: Fairtrade Fortnight: Laura encouraged students to get involved.
- 7.8** NOTED: Teaching placement: there was a change made with regards to the number of subjects 1<sup>st</sup> year B.Eds would have to teach next Monday. Students are annoyed with the short notice given. More notice about these types of changes would be appreciated.
- 7.9** NOTED: Pancake Morning: It was suggested that a pancake morning be held on Pancake Tuesday in aid of Samaritans. Unfortunately, because the Congo Conference takes place next Tuesday, we will be unable to do this.
- 7.7**
- 7.7.1** NOTED: Elaine suggested that students host pancake parties in their apartments/houses etc. Money can be paid on entry to houses.

*Meeting concluded at 7pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

MISU Council Chairperson